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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF KEY PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY FRG
IN REACTION TO RECENT TRIALS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS.

A. STATEMENT BY FRG SPOKESMAN BOELLING ON JULY 10.

BEGIN TEXT: "AS A CO-SIGNER OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF
HELSINKI, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY IN FACT DOES CONSIDER ITSELF JUSTIFIED, -
LEGITIMIZED - IN EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT
THAT RECENTLY A GROWING NUMBER OF MEASURES HAVE BEEN
RESORTED TO AGAINST CITIZENS OF THE U.S.S.R. -
CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOO - AND OF THE GDR WHO WERE CLAIMING
FOR THEMSELVES THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF OPINION AND
CONSCIENCE. OUR CONCERN IS REDOUBLED BY THE FACT THAT
RECENTLY THE ACTIVITY OF A GERMAN CORRESPONDENT IN
PRAGUE HAS BEEN INTERFERED WITH - IN FACT, MADE
IMPOSSIBLE - AND THAT IN THE GDR GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS
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HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST OUR CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED
IN EAST BERLIN; ACCUSATIONS THAT REFER QUITE NONSENSI-
CALLY TO ALLEGED WORK FOR INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. AS FOR
THE TRIALS OF THE SOVIET CITIZENS ALEXANDER GINSBURG
AND ANATOLI SHCHARANSKY, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION
THE COURT PROCEEDINGS ARE ESSENTIALLY BASED ON THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN THE SO-CALLED HELSINKI GROUP. THE

GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LET ME RECALL, WAS DECIDEDLY ON THE SIDE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BELGRADE AT THE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE TO HELSINKI. IT FOLLOWS LOGICALLY THAT WE ALSO STAND UP FOR THE ROLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE REALIZATION OF THESE RIGHTS; AND WE ARE REMAINING CONSISTENT WITH OUR HAVING UPHELD THESE RIGHTS WHEN WE NOW MOST EMPHATICALLY POINT OUT THAT THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF HELSINKI ACCORDS THE INDIVIDUAL THE FREEDOM TO STAND UP, EVEN AGAINST HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, FOR THE REALIZATION OF THESE RIGHTS..." END TEXT.

B. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S STATEMENT AT JOINT APPEARANCE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON JULY 14. BEGIN TEXT: I AM IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS JUST SAID AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TWO SENTENCES. THERE ARE NOT ONLY TRIALS IN THE USSR; THERE ARE ALSO TRIALS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE GERMANS ARE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED ABOUT THE TRIALS AGAINST HUEBNER AND BAHRO WHICH ARE PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THE OTHER PART OF GERMANY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT TO THE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN EASTERN EUROPE -- FAR MORE THAN THOSE WHO OCCUPY SUCH A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS -- WHO SUFFER FROM SIMILAR CHARGES, PERSECUTION AND SENTENCES. END TEXT.

C. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S STATEMENT DURING AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERVIEW WITH DEUTSCHLANDFUNK ON JULY 14. BEGIN TEXT: "THIS POSITIVE EVALUATION OF BASKET III DOES NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE VERY CLEARLY EXPRESS OUR OPINION REGARDING THE TRIALS PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE. THIS APPLIES NOT ONLY TO THE SOVIET UNION, ON THE CONTRARY, IT ALSO APPLIES TO NICKO HUEBNER OR BAHRO. WE MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT THESE TRIALS ARE IN CONTRADICTION TO THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT." END TEXT.

2. REFTEL B INCLUDES A REPORT ON PRIVATE STATEMENTS BY A SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TO THE AMBASSADOR REGARDING THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SHCHARANSKY. STOESEL

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